

To Chairman Genachowski and whomever this may concern at the FCC, I'm sure your agency has received plenty of fiction from the incumbent duopoly big cable and phone ISPs of Net Neutrality being bad for business investment. Despite the benefits of Net Neutrality for Internet users engaging in commerce, communication or accessing the free flow of information online. Now I must stress broadband regulation's help in also counteracting cyber terrorism. I'll get more into this in the next few paragraphs. I have submitted a number of public comments myself in the past concerning Net Neutrality and The National Broadband Plan -- since it's impossible to update comments already filed with new relevant information I've had to make new filings each time to provide better arguments for Net Neutrality. With the unfortunate decision in Comcast v. FCC by the U.S. Appeals Court the need for the FCC to reclassify broadband to protect its authority to defend Internet users from anti competitive incumbent ISPs, to protect and implement The National Broadband Plan (NBP) has increased. The FCC must act by reclassifying broadband as a telecommunications service and increase broadband regulation on the ISPs. We need common carrier regulations on ISPs just as our nation has regulations on phone services -- I submit that broadband Internet should be treated as a public work and a public utility as taxpayer funds initially were used to create ARPANET and other government computer networking systems that grew into the Internet. Today again public funding is being used under the Broadband Initiatives Program of the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act to provide stimulus grants to ISPs to expand deployment of high speed Internet services in unserved areas, to help decrease the Digital Divide in our country. As part of the transparency requirements on the program being run by the NTIA any ISP that participates in grant funding contests and that win funding must use it responsibly and comply with Net Neutrality requirements of nondiscrimination. I have often written about Net Neutrality as a digital 21st century civil rights issue for minority groups, and the need to protect the Information Superhighway for the public from corporate gatekeepers. I have urged the FCC to act responsibly to protect consumers from monopolistic and abusive wireless phone carriers, to mandate wholesale open access etc and protect us from carriers discriminating and censoring text messages they dislike. Now as I have stressed another reason for broadband regulation may very well be to protect us from cyber terrorism. In a post 9/11 world we need to ensure our infrastructure both transportation and IT are protected. Richard Clarke the man who warned the Bush Cheney Administration before 9/11 but was ignored is now sounding the alarm on the threat of cyber terrorism. He was right before about foreign terrorist groups wanting to attack us and the need for government to keep us safe. He was right in urging the Bush Administration to act before 9/11 but unfortunately his warnings were ignored by the former Administration before 9/11/01. So Mr. Clarke knows what he's talking about and any warnings he provides now should be carefully looked into and be taken seriously considering he was right about the terrorists who struck on 9/11/01 when he warned the former Administration before the attacks took place. Now he's warning about cyber terrorism and this should be closely looked into. I urge the FCC to act and protect Net Neutrality not just to protect Internet users from ISP discrimination that is important. Broadband needs to be regulated not just to keep users safe from ISP discrimination etc but to help guard against cyber terrorism.

Now in regard to cyber terrorism the U.S. Department of Defense and other government agencies have security measures to protect government computer systems and governmental Internet networks from the threat of cyber terrorism but what about protections for the public? What about cyber security policies for both public and private computer networks? We need the FCC to regulate broadband not just to protect consumers from abusive incumbent duopoly big cable and phone ISPs but to protect the public from cyber terrorism threats. Just as its important for government to safeguard its IT networks from cyber warfare there has to be security measures to protect the public and regulations all ISPs must follow to ensure the security of their networks, any data or information flowing through it and the privacy and safety of users.

Here are links to some docket filings I've already made concerning Net Neutrality, and The National Broadband Plan already.

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